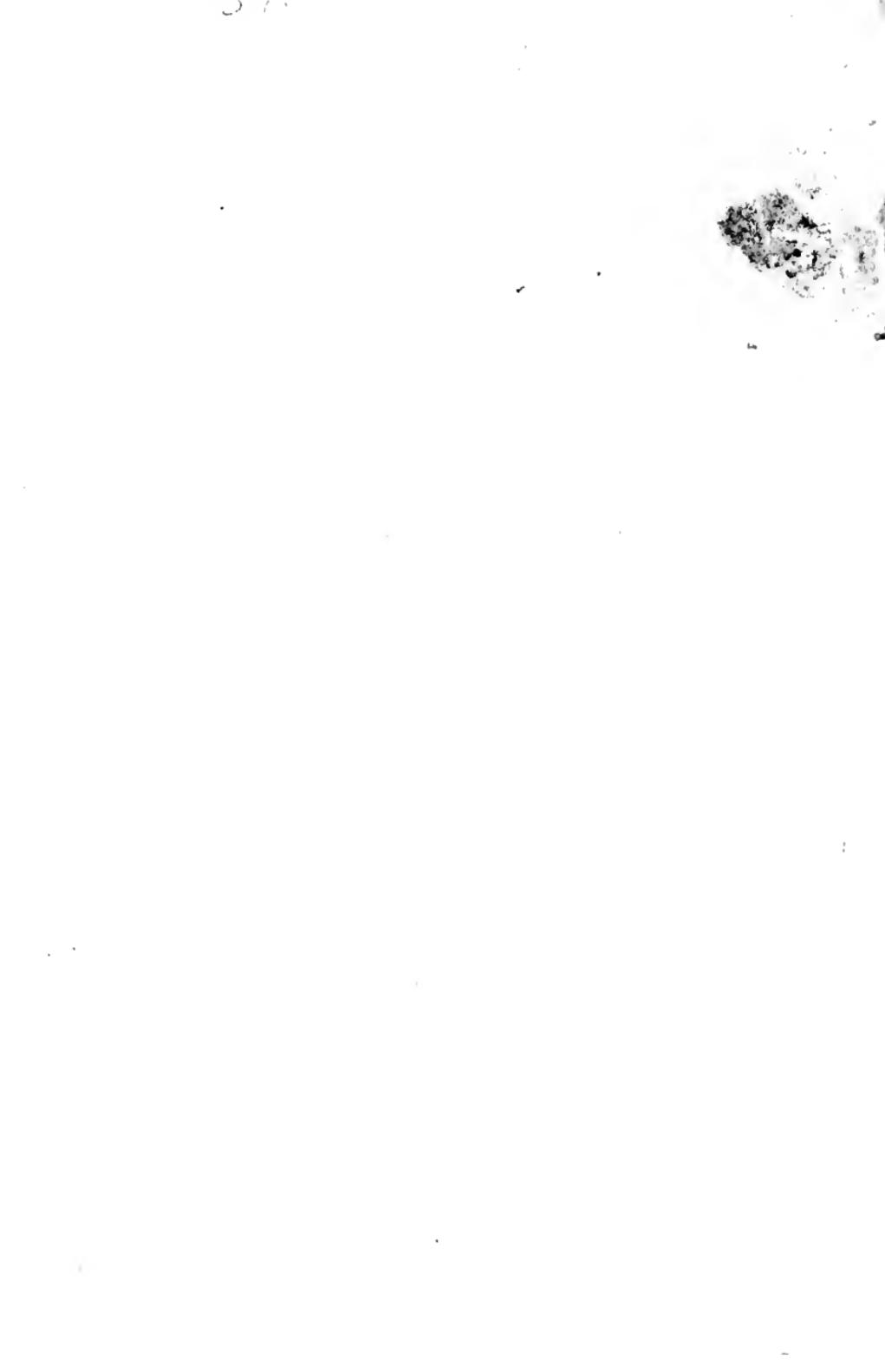


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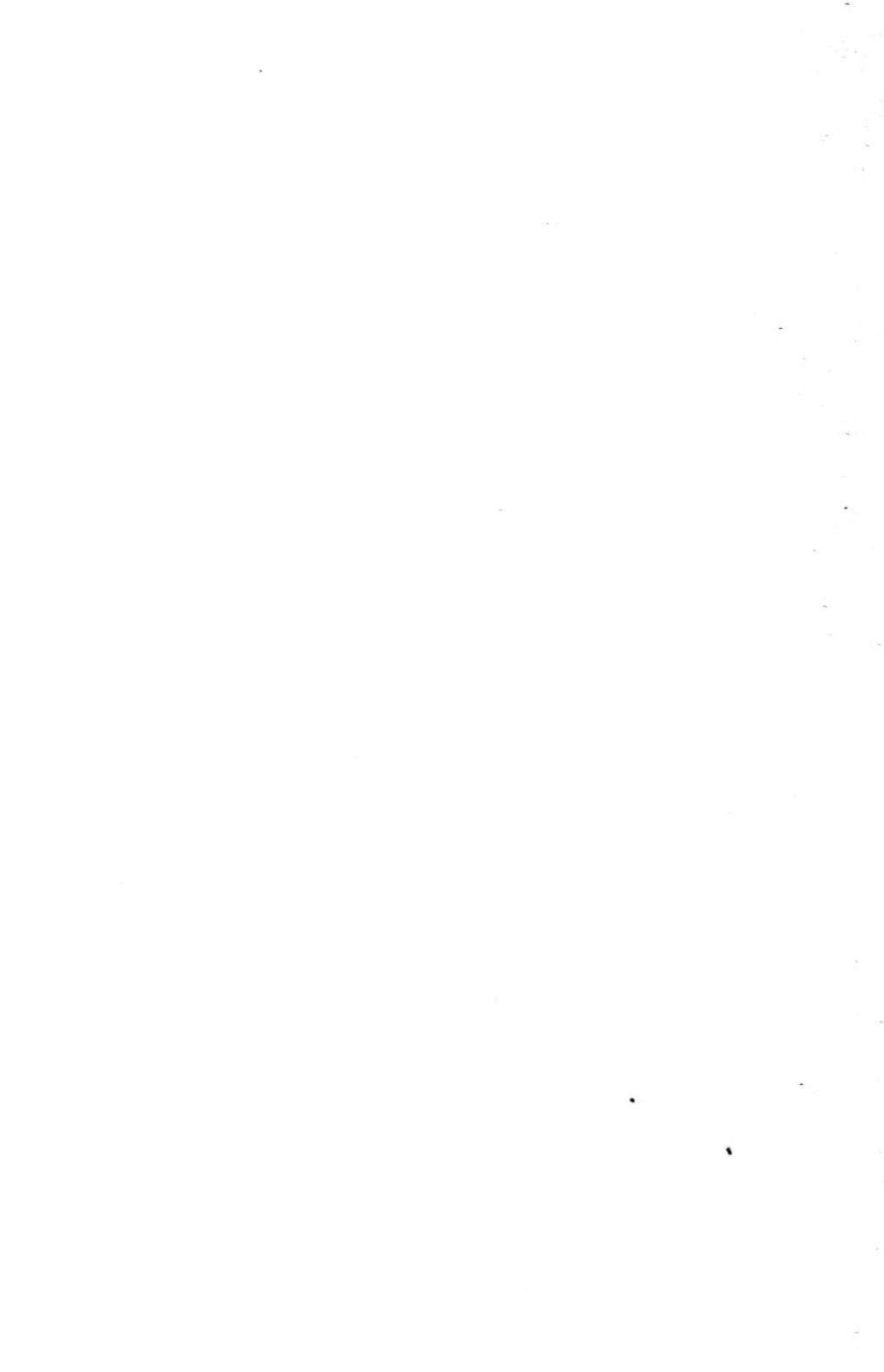
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NOTICE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Gilmanton:

We here present a few facts in regard to the indebtedness of the town March 1, 1875. We would be pleased to give the items, but it would double the size and expense of our report, therefore we give the result in as brief a form as possible. We are ready to give any information we can from memory, at any time, and if we fail in this, we have the figures which we will be pleased to show you. The report of March 1, 1875, shows the indebtedness of the town, over means, to be \$45,267 00

Orders not reported, J. D. Nelson	160 00
" " " P. R. Coffin,	70 00
" " " J. P. Sanborn,	100 00
Money in hands of Treasurer, not assets of the town, (dog tax,)	134 00
Bills due on roads and bridges prior to March 1, 1875,	129 60
Taxes not collectable, committed to Collectors prior to March 1, 1875,	777 37
Money in treasury belonging to school districts Nos. 7 and 10,	55 00
J. Blake and R. M. Gray, med. aid to poor,	36 00
Paid E. Chase for John Chase, prior to Mar. 1, '75,	22 00
Five small orders not reported,	84 58
Interest due on outstanding orders, "	8,074 85
Government Bounties, worthless, or nearly so,	2,080 00
	\$56,990 40
Deduct interest estimated,	500 00
Deduct of O. J. Edgerly, paid, but reported as outstanding,	15 00
	\$56,475 40

This amount we claim was the indebtedness of the town, above available assets, March 1, 1875.

We the undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing and believe it to be a correct statement of the town debt March 1, 1875.

JOHN S. PAGE, } Selectmen
RUFUS E. GALE, } of
HENRY N. NELSON, } Gilmanton.

Treasurer's Report.

John Connell, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Gilmanton, for the year ending March 1, 1876.

March 1st, 1875, to		E. Holbrook,	50 00
cash on hand,	\$707 09	M. Weeks,	200 00
To cash received of		Mrs. L. G. Piper,	50 00
A. P. Munsey for		E. J. Piper,	25 00
E. Colecord,	7 00	E. Maxfield,	200 00
To cash received of		M. S. Saiborn,	100 00
A. P. Munsey for		Geo. H. Piper,	300 00
C. H. Pierce,	4 17	C. W. Hill,	100 00
Received of County,	34 50	A. M. Lamprey,	100 00
"	15 00	E. S. Barron,	40 00
"	61 00	S. C. Beck,	5 00
"	B. Dore, 11 00	J. H. Beck,	5 00
The following amounts are		E. P. Nelson,	120 00
for money hired:		Trustees of Gilman-	
S. Chesley,	100 00	ton Academy,	150 00
W. Jenkins,	5 00	R. Rowe,	200 00
M. D. Page,	400 00	Ira Shannon,	1,500 00
B. Hussey,	100 00	A. T. Page,	100 00
Trustees of Gilman-		R. Rowe,	40 00
ton Academy,	925 00	B. Hussey,	25 00
J. A. Gilman,	700 00	L. E. Page, (G'd'n)	700 00
T. W. Hill,	550 00	D. E. Edgerly,	200 00
L. E. Page,	759 00	H. S. Orange,	1,000 00
		R. Rowe,	228 00

E. H. Marsh,	50 00	M. D. Page,	\$300 00
Peter Dudley,	600 00	C. P. Hutchinson,	3 01
M. J. Carr,	240 00	S. B. F. Mudgett,	31 78
E. H. Shannon,	450 00	R. W. Clough,	121 01
D. Connell,	1,300 00	M. W. Clough,	121 01
— Page,	25 00	E. G. Clough,	121 01
L. E. Page, (G'd'n)	100 00	School Dist. No. 6,	38 56
J. P. Clough,	75 00	J. Young,	75 00
J. M. Connell,	200 00	E. Marsh,	51
C. H. Tebbetts,	100 00	W. B. Marsh,	38 00
A. P. Kimball,	60 00	C. B. Gale,	24
J. L. Kimball,	150 00	A. M. Page,	17 43
A. T. Page,	100 00	D. G. Edgerly,	9 37
A. K. Gilman,	200 00	B. Hussey,	33 17
D. G. Edgerly,	65 00	W. L. Jenkins,	4 78
A. T. Page,	100 00	M. A. Lougee,	65 00
— Thompson,	200 00	M. J. Tebbetts,	50 00
P. Dudley,	120 00	D. S. Ayers,	1 84
L. E. Page (G'd'n)	50 00	A. W. Thompson,	100 00

Paid Outstanding Orders and Interest Issued by the Selectmen prior to March 1, 1876.

S. G. Lougee,	\$ 8 00	D. G. Edgerly,	\$ 6 00
S. S. Fifield,	3 00	H. D. Edgerly,	3 00
M. J. Young,	1 91	O. J. Edgerly,	. 39 30
C. K. Lewis,	10 00	D. E. Edgerly,	. 80
S. W. Sargent, 2 ord.	13 98	E. P. Nelson,	2 28
J. P. Hill,	24 00	C. Varney,	12 67
C. F. & M. O. Merrill	18 00	M. J. Potter,	6 00
D. S. Ayers,	5 00	C. D. Weare,	7 60
E. Hill, 2 orders,	2 40	A. V. Edgerly, 2 crds.	12 00
C. F. Merrill,	1 00	W. N. Swain,	6 00
J. T. Cotton,	1 00	T. B. Lane,	6 00
S. D. Nutter,	1 50	P. Dudley,	24 00
M. Nelson,	1 54	L. E. Page, G'd'n.	15 00
Z. Peaslee,	11 51	M. J. Piper,	6 00

G. E. Shannon,	\$10 00	J. S. Page, G'd'n.	\$ 53 08
N. Hodgdon,	1 60	A. R. Page,	119 61
J. S. Young,	10 00	S. C. Edwards,	133 56
J. A. Hurd,	5 44	M. A. Beck,	980 69
H. S. Page,	6 20	I. D. Gilman,	60 29
A. R. Page,	4 00	S. D. Nelson,	40 00
R. Edgerly,	4 54	H. N. Nelson,	136 09
H. Tebbetts,	19 00	C. H. Marsh,	32 08
L. G. Lougee,	9 00	C. F. Gilman,	34 49
J. A. Edgerly,	4 60	N. Stevens,	1,582 39
A. T. Page,	8 00	J. T. Cotton,	129 58
H. B. Kimball,	37 92	M. A. Young,	5 31
M. A. Lougee, 2 ord.	\$2 00	M. A. Hurd,	10 77
D. S. Ayers,	8 00	A. T. Page,	84 76
H. S. Gale,	7 23	Trnstees Academy,	5 00
R. L. Page,	8 00	G. E. Gilman,	33 60
H. S. Gale,	10 00	O. J. Lougee,	25 94
A. P. Munsey,	3 00	J. J. Young,	703 30
S. B. F. Mudgett,	8 73	J. J. Young,	244 81
J. P. Clough,	5 00	J. D. Nelson,	75 00
Orders and interest.		A. C. Shannon,	30 00
N. C. Folsom.	46 26	Z. Peaslee,	78 02
T. Sargent.	135 75	M. I. Copp.	34 65
H. G. Hall's Estate.	100 00	C. B. Gale,	3 00
E. T. Hurd.	42 29	J. S. Young,	30 00
M. S. Powell,	392 03	C. W. Hill,	102 00
J. Merrill,	320 42	C. R. Lewis,	230 00
I. P. Coffin,	113 65	Z. Peaslee,	120 13
H. S. Gale,	21 59	S. C. Edwards,	530 46
W. N. Swain,	75 00	S. C. Edwards,	727 76
A. S. Hilliard,	91 50	M. Piper,	10 00
E. J. Hilliard,	203 43	J. W. Ayers,	39 30
S. S. Fifield,	367 10	S. W. Sargent,	695 16
M. A. Beck,	925 90	Polly Hatch,	447 91
F. J. Smith,	411 27	J. T. Cotton,	56 31
C. Varney,	110 24	E. Chase,	60 00
J. D. Nelson,	15 00	E. A. Glidden,	10 00
		C. F. Gilman,	37 04

N. B. Sanborn,	\$ 78 13	M. J. Potter,	\$ 4 54
A. E. Avery,	7 17	W. N. Swain,	64 14
N. Hodgdon,	75 00	M. A. Hurd,	30 86
G. E. Gilman.	52 32	A. C. Shannon,	13 00
S. G. Lougee,	1,007 65	Cong. Church,	12 00
J. Avery,	10 05	Ira Shannon,	48 50
H. S. Orange,	15 00	E. Hill,	7 30
C. F. Merrill in part for 3 orders and interest,	65 15	O. J. Edgerly,	30 33
M. O. Merrill, part for 3 orders and interest,	216 06	J. S. Young,	512 75
G. E. Gilman,	116 37	C. F. Gilman,	156 36
E. S. Price,	142 21	M. A. Young,	120 25
J. P. Hill,	56 86	S. W. Sargent,	59 72
S. D. Nutter,	25 00	H. D. Edgerly,	9 19
M. E. & J. Heath,	234 64	J. P. Hill,	1 86
O. J. Edgerly,	16 58	J. B. & H. S. Goodwin,	3 94
D. L. McDuffee,	17 82	S. M. Haines,	251 92
H. S. Gale,	525 58	E. H. Shannon,	392 23
Z. Peaslee,	455 36	E. S. Nelson,	109 35
M. I. Copp,	32 06	G. H. Piper,	173 00
A. Peaslee, 3 orders,	194 09	M. I. Copp,	30 00
R. Rowe, "	481 34	O. F. Fobes,	20 00
S. Chesley, 2 "	516 89	Ai Page,	1,196 62
A. P. Munsey,	178 23	J. D. Nelson,	164 23
H. S. Orange,	255 66	H. G. Hall's estate,	124 86
M. G. Nelson,	24 19	J. D. Proctor,	130 00
J. A. Gilman,	32 31	E. C. Tebbetts,	4 26
L. T. French,	15 53	E. H. Shannon,	65 00
C. F. Merrill,	8 08	E. Chase,	6 53
A. F. Clifford,	13 11	M. Weeks,	8 50
H. S. Orange,	221 33	A. Dudley,	897 36
H. Chesley,	158 83	C. G. Littlefield,	133 05
A. T. Page,	48 76	C. Gale,	15 51
M. S. Sanborn,	14 06	S. Page,	10 15
		F. & F. Longee, 2 ord.	12 95
		E. S. Barron,	41 70
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			\$21,098 66

Paid State tax,	\$1,612 00
County tax,	2,527 00
School house taxes,	588 65
The several school districts,	1,525 66

	\$6,253 31

Paid Current Expenses.

E. S. Mudgett, for watering trough, '72 '73 & '74,	\$ 3 00
C. C. Pearson, & Co., printing town report 1875,	62 00
C. F. Gilman, for watering trough,	3 00
E. Varney, stationery,	38
O. A. J. Vaughan, referee fees,	20 00
N. Wight, for repairs of academy and town hall,	75 00
C. G. Kelley, watering trough, 1874-5,	3 00
J. J. Bean, office rent March 10th, 1875,	12 00
Z. H. Kitchen, watering trough, 1874-5,	6 00
C. E. Marsh, blanks, blank books, stationery and postage,	23 50
J. W. Cogswell, serving notice and writ on town of Sanbornton,	14 24
J. Ellsworth, watering trough,	3 00
Z. Peaslee, labor and lumber on town house,	2 60
Cyrus F. Gilman, watering trough, 1874,	3 00
L. S. French, returning births,	1 00
E. A. Hibbard, attorney fees and adviee in 1869,	5 00
C. E. Marsh, blanks, stationery and postage,	4 00
H. N. Nelson, for appraisal real estate in September,	27 05
J. S. Page, " "	30 25
R. E. Gale, " "	35 75
R. E. Gale, expenses in Sanbornton v. Gilmanton,	17 80
R. E. Gale, blank book, stationery and postage,	2 49
C. E. Marsh, blanks, stationery and postage,	4 00
A. P. Munsey, for constable fees in 1873-4,	6 00
A. E. Hoye, for printing and posting school notices	1 00

	\$365 06

Paid for Paupers.

J. A. Jones, aid to C. H. Pierce, County charge,	\$13 96
E. S. Mudgett, " "	6 00
D. L. Marsh, (2 orders) for board of J. Marsh,	24 00
Mrs. D. Young, for board of Gilman boy,	85 29
W. B. Thompson, aid to D. Lougee,	3 24
G. B. Ames, digging grave for J. Marsh,	3 00
C. A. Dockham, clothing "	17 90
J. B. Clark, book furnished Wentworth boy,	1 00
I. C. Marsh, aid to transient paupers,	3 00
J. Brown, aid to L. Maxfield,	38 35
N. Wight, medical aid to J. J. Allen,	3 00
J. J. Hoadley, aid to G. C. Allen,	3 00
C. O. Stockbridge, (2 orders) board and care of J. Marsh,	27 00
J. S. Page, burial expenses of J. Marsh,	4 00
Richardson & Merrill, coffin for "	11 00
J. Connell, aid to do..	50
J. Brown, aid to E. Hutchinson,	7 12
F. Hutchinson, aid to Polly Hutchinson,	78 00
C. A. Dockham, aid to D. Lougee, 1874,	17 00
J. Blake, med. aid to poor in town,	6 00
R. M. Gray, " " "	30 00
E. Chase, board and care of J. Chase, (Sanbornton)	25 00
Z. Peaslee, aid to do. in 1874,	22 00
E. E. Maxfield, board of Belle Gilman,	25 00
H. N. Nelson, aid to transient paupers,	1 00
C. A. Dockham, aid to D. Lougee,	9 00
N. Wight, med. aid to town poor,	75 00
A. M. Trew, med. aid to Mrs. E. L. Breckenridge, County,	15 50
C. A. Dockham, aid to E. Breckenridge, County,	19 00
" " " "	23 03
E. Varney, aid to G. C. Allen,	24 00
" " J. McKenzie, County,	8 75
" " G. C. Allen,	3 00
R. H. Jones, aid to C. H. Pierce, County,	1 00

J. Connell & Co., aid to Buswell, County,	\$15 00
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\$648 72	

Of this amount we have received or is now due
from the County, \$157 74

Paid for Roads and Bridges.

Bills due prior to March 1, 1875.

Danford Cook, for timber and plank,	\$11 60
T. B. Lane, repairs of highway,	2 25
M. K. Smith, damage to wagon,	7 50
E. S. Mudgett, for planks and labor,	29 03
J. A. Jones, for plank and labor,	11 99
J. P. Hussey, for plank and timber,	17 04
C. Varney, for labor and damage to plow,	26 05
J. S. Beck, for labor on highway,	4 00
E. S. Nelson, for bridge plank,	1 14
A. P. Munsey, for damage to wagon,	5 00
J. C. Osborn, for labor on highway,	6 00
C. F. Merrill, for breaking roads,	5 00
W. A. Conner for labor on bridge,	3 00
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	\$129 60

For the year ending March 1, 1876.

W. Swain, labor on highway,	\$ 2 50
J. P. Hussey, bridge plank and timber,	22 67
J. P. Hussey, bridge plank and timber,	9 76
A. R. Wight, labor on highway,	1 35
N. Weeks, labor and damage to plow,	6 25
E. G. Connell, labor and timber,	9 80
L. B. Allen, damage to plow,	1 25
J. S. Page, for plank,	2 50
S. E. Eveleth, labor on highway,	11 93
C. S. Bunker, labor, plank and timber,	25 80
C. Varney, bridge plank,	5 21

C. S. Bunker, labor on highway,	\$ 5 25
J. Folsom, labor on highway,	4 37
R. W. Page, bridge plank,	4 20
J. M. Pickering, repairing gate,	1 00
E. Hill, guide post and setting the same,	33
H. E. Marsh, labor on highway,	12 00
R. E. Gale, non-resident tax worked,	15 75
J. Watson, labor and plank,	1 50
J. L. Allen, bridge plank,	3 25
J. S. Page, labor on road in S. E Eveleth, district,	52 25
S. E. Eveleth, " "	30 00
H. N. Nelson, cutting out snow drifts in 1875,	33 04
H. N. Nelson, damage to plow,	6 84
Stephen B. Flanders, damage to wagon.	2 84
S. P. Bunker, labor on highway.	6 50

	\$278 15

Abatement of Taxes.

Commututed prior to March 1st, 1875.

James W. Cogswell for 1872-3-4, 6 orders,	\$253 40
Joseph Brown, 1873-4,	77 24
A. P. Munsey, "	123 31
J. W. Page, 1874,	8 10
C. A. Hatch, over-tax, 1874.	2 64
G. W. Sanborn, "	11 00
M. G. Clough, "	1 00
W. C. York, "	1 00
R. W. Page, " "	7 70
A. F. Page,	4 40
J. R. Sawyer,	1 00
J. F. Folsom,	11 00
C. G. Kelley, over-tax,	2 20
M. E. Hovey, "	16 95
C. O. Stockbridge, loss of cow,	80
W. B. Thompson, dog,	1 00

S. B. Flanders, dog,	\$ 1 00
J. L. Page, over-tax,	2 20
J. P. Ellsworth,	88
E. S. Mudgett, loss of cow,	65
J. Lougee,	137 41
J. M. Currier, over-tax,	11 92
R. S. Gale, " 2 orders	7 90
T. Adams,	59 91

	\$734 62

For the year 1875.

G. F. Kelley, collector in 1875, 2 orders.	15 86
J. M. Durgin, over-tax,	10 80
L. L. Allen's estate, poll tax,	2 16
L. Osgood,	1 08
C. H. Nelson, loss of dog,	1 00
C. E. Pulsifer, over-tax,	7 90
J. S. Osborn, "	4 32
C. H. French, loss of horse,	1 30
J. A. Merrill, over-tax,	5 40
P. A. Merrill's estate, poll tax,	2 16
C. Hurd, poll tax,	2 16
J. E. Osgood, over-tax,	2 10
J. O. Dow, "	4 32
C. G. Kelley, loss of dog,	1 00
W. N. Swain, over-tax,	1 63
A. V. Edgerly, loss of dog,	1 00
E. E. Merrill, over-tax,	.95
A. P. Munsey, loss of cow and steer,	2 16
A. R. Price, over-tax on school house,	11 63
J. R. Gordon, over-tax,	2 16
T. B. Lane, loss of female dog,	2 00
M. S. Gale, collector for 1875,	80 79
S. G. Lougee, over-tax,	2 16
J. K. Dudley, "	21 06
J. W. Merrill, loss of cow,	1 00

G. F. Kelly, abatement of taxes in 1875,	\$ 2 16
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	\$190 26

Paid Town Officers.

James A. Hurd, in full,	\$ 5 80
Z. Peaslee, in full,	4 90
C. H. Shannon, in full,	4 50
A. Foss; in full,	9 50
A. Peaslee, in full,	6 80
A. P. Munsey, constable fees in 1875,	1 50
J. W. Cogswell, constable fees in 1875,	1 50
J. W. Page, and A. Prescott, auditing selectmen's account,	4 00
M. S. Gale, in part for collecting taxes in 1875,	50 00
A. E. Hovey, in full for school committee,	75 00
C. E. Marsh, town clerk in full to March 1, 1876,	35 00
John Connell, town treasurer to March 1, 1876,	75 00
J. S. Page, services in town to March 1, 1876,	53 38
J. S. Page, service out of town to March 1, 1876,	6 25
J. S. Page, expenses out of town to March 1, 1876,	2 50
R. E. Gale, services in town to March 1, 1876,	55 00
R. E. Gale, services out of town to March 1, 1876,	16 50
R. E. Gale, expenses out of town to March 1, 1876	5 96
H. N. Nelson, services in town to March 1, 1876,	55 26
C. E. Marsh, board and horse keeping,	44 40
E. Holbrook, board and horse keeping,	17 75
J. Brown, constable fees,	3 00
J. Brown, collecting taxes in 1874,	58 67
J. W. Cogswell, collecting taxes in 1874.	38 58
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	\$630 85

One word here, the town raised two thousand dollars for necessary charges, which includes current expenses, town poor, roads and bridges, abatement of taxes, and town officers. In examining this report you can see the

amount of bills due prior to our election, furthermore, we here remark if we had followed in the footsteps of our immediate predecessors we should have taken interest bearing orders, for our services, and reported them as outstanding, instead of under the head of so much paid town officers.

Damage to Sheep by Dogs.

S. E. Eveleth,	\$20 00	C. G. Kelley,	10 00
L. E. Durrell,	6 00	J. L. Jones,	13 00
O. Lamprey,	6 00	J. H. Drew,	5 00
C. F. Merrill,	5 00	R. E. Gale,	5 00
S. S. Nelson,	5 00	S. W. Sargent,	5 00
N. B. Sanborn,	22 50	N. Wight,	15 00
G. W. Parsons,	10 00	G. W. Griffin,	4 00
J. Leighton,	4 00		
G. W. Gault,	10 00		
			\$145 50

Funds of the Town.

Parsonage fund,	\$417 81
Interest on fund, not divided,	25 06
Literary money,	161 25
Tax on dogs,	100 00
	\$704 12
Amount of school money in treasury,	44 40

We find that the town is indebted for the above funds.

Recapitulation.

Amount charged by Selectmen to Treasurer, \$33,424 72
 Paid outstanding orders and

interest,	\$21,098 66
Current expenses,	365 06
Poor in town,	648 72
Roads and bridges,	407 75
Abatement of taxes,	864 97
Damage to sheep by dogs,	145 50
Town officers,	630 85
State tax,	1,612 00
County tax,	2,527 00
Several school districts,	1,525 66
School house taxes,	588 65
Cash in hands of treasurer	3,009 90
	————— \$33,424 72

Settled as above,

JOHN CONNELL, TREASURER.

JOHN S. PAGE, } Selectmen of
 RUFUS E. GALE, } Gilmanton.

We the undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance of three thousand nine dollars and ninety cents in hands of treasurer.

JOHN W. PAGE,
 GEORGE W. PARSONS, } Auditors.

Selectmens' Report

Of their account with the several Collectors. Balance of taxes in hand of collectors and due the town March 1, 1876.

From James W. Cogswell, 1872,	\$ 36 68
" " 1873,	46 38
" " 1874,	195 06
From Joseph Brown, 1873,	39 87
" " 1874,	749 59

From A. P. Munsey,	1874,	\$ 567 28
From M. S. Gale, (2 dis.)	1875,	1,705 98
From George F. Kelley,		911 68
		—————
		\$4,252 62
JOHN S. PAGE,		Selectmen
RUFUS E. GALE,		of
HENRY N. NELSON,		Gilmanton.

Indebtedness of the Town

We find the town indebted, March 1st, 1876, for outstanding orders, as follows:

J. P. Sanborn,	\$100 00	E. J. Piper,	\$ 25 00
Bearer,	35 85	E. S. Barron,	40 00
S. P. Sanborn,	71 72	Thos. Adams,	144 53
M. A. Clough,	20 00	B. C. Merrill,	28 90
N. J. Moore,	102 00	A. H. Tilton,	1,044 00
C. W. Clay,	263 33	J. R. Sawyer,	65
C. W. Gilman,	52	S. Straw,	537 29
E. G. Clough, 2 ord.	429 00	Ai Page,	1,500 00
M. S. York,	54 00	M. J. Carr,	240 00
C. Flanders,	43 00	D. Connell,	1,300 00
R. L. Flanders,	1 00	P. Dudley, 3 ord.	2,281 52
M. A. Hill,	100 00	J. A. Edgerly,	285 71
C. Clay,	55 00	— Page,	25 00
M. Emerson,	80 00	J. W. Ayers,	1,200 00
Parsonage Fund,	417 81	A. P. Kimball, 2 ord.	110 00
J. W. C. Church,	200 00	J. L. Kimball,	250 00
A. F. Willey,	89 70	J. M. Connell,	200 00
L. Bean,	50 00	C. H. Tebbetts, 2	
C. K. Lewis,	390 00	ord.,	156 25
M. Piper,	33 00	E. A. Glidden, 4	
Trustees of Academ-		ord.,	1,427 00
y, 4 orders,	2,301 99	A. E. Avery,	416 00
T. W. Hill, do.,	1,300 00	A. K. Gilman, 2 ord.	554 77
A. F. Page,	2 20	C. G. Littlefield,	1,086 56

A. M. Brackett,	\$1,505 29	H. B. Kimball,	\$2,505 85
T. Grieves,	3 73	R. W. Clough,	121 01
M. O. Merrill,	500 00	M. W. Clough,	121 01
C. F. Merrill,	300 00	M. D. Page,	719 50
J. D. Proctor, 2 or-		A. T. Page, 3 ord.,	600 00
ders,	1,045 53	A. M. Page,	125 00
J. Avery,	114 00	M. A. Lougee,	124 74
H. G. Hall's est'e,	1,374 17	M. J. Potter,	350 00
E. C. Tebbetts,	584 56	A. M. Lamprey,	172 80
I. D. Clough,	150 00	L. G. Lougee,	473 43
G. H. Piper,	326 03	G. E. Gilman,	124 42
D. L. McDuffee,	600 00	Ira Gilman,	30 75
— Thompson,	200 00	M. A. Hurd,	300 00
E. G. Edgerly,	621 43	H. E. Lougee,	50 37
P. R. Coffin,	114 11	S. Lougee,	46 61
M. E. Heath,	200 00	S. D. Nutter,	61 35
Jas. Keath,	300 00	M. Ann Gilman,	63 75
J. S. Moulton,	1 00	J. P. Clough, 2 ord.,	587 01
B. H. Gilman,	69 23	M. S. Sanborn,	90 00
H. S. Orange,	800 00	L. F. Edgerly,	330 65
S. B. Drew,	229 00	C. F. Gilman,	122 22
J. A. Gilman,	700 00	E. H. Weare,	236 42
J. H. Drew,	138 73	C. M. Sargent,	65 18
J. R. Mudgett,	400 00	C. D. Weare,	241 94
S. B. F. Mudgett,	50 00	T. B. Laue,	362 19
L. D. Blake,	72 86	S. A. Batchelder,	82 93
A. F. Clifford.	100 00	C. C. Varney,	271 10
C. P. Hutchinson,	10 00	C. Varney,	1,149 74
M. A. Gilman,	439 72	C. B. Gale,	187 00
S. Page,	31 92	D. G. Edgerly,	400 00
L. T. French,	60 00	B. Hussey,	380 00
R. E. Avery,	421 48	A. V. Edgerly,	978 96
C. E. Pulsifer,	30 93	L. A. Hussey,	338 27
M. I. Copp,	193 45	W. N. Swain,	225 00
M. Weeks,	200 00	G. W. Swain,	25 00
M. G. Nelson,	100 00	O. E. Moulton,	53 79
E. Holbrook, 2 ord.,	240 44	O. J. Edgerly,	2,200 00
M. H. Rand,	415 42	A. C. Shannon,	500 00

D. G. Edgerly,	\$407 33	E. H. Marsh,	\$110 00
F. E. Edgerly,	56 58	H. Tebbetts,	760 73
D. S. Ayers,	550 00	M. J. Piper,	352 21
J. B. & H. S. Goodwin,	350 00	D. Conner,	101 55
M. C. Hill,	174 52	A. B. Parsons,	5 87
E. Hill,	70 00	F. S. Ayers,	141 33
J. Young,	920 61	J. D. Nelson,	97 55
C. I. Ross,	34 65	J. H. Beck,	5 19
M. L. Dow,	74 03	S. C. Beck,	5 19
School district No. 6,	38 56	E. T. Gilman,	143 02
A. E. Ayers, 2 ord.	528 67	J. T. Gilman,	169 25
F. N. Merrill,	120 37	Nicholas Gilman,	556 27
W. B. Marsh,	279 00	M. J. Folsom,	28 68
W. L. Jenkins,	10 00	J. Brown,	73
H. S. Page,	200 00	A. T. Page, G'd'n.	53 12
L. E. Page,	1,762 80	E. Maxfield,	209 73
A. R. Page,	239 02	M. Swett,	156 07
C. W. Marsh,	171 55	J. Connell,	11 00
Ira Shannon,	1,500 00	F. L. Nute,	3 75
H. D. Edgerly, 2 ord.	153 06	A. W. Thompson,	100 00
N. Hodgden,	292 54	J. P. Hill,	1,000 00
E. P. Nelson,	544 27	H. Beck,	80 00
M. J. Tebbetts,	418 82		
			\$59,346 94

Indebtedness of the Town.

For outstanding orders,	\$59,346 94
Literary money,	161 25
Tax on dogs,	100 00
Interest due on outstanding orders.	1,455 59
Outstanding bills,	200 00
	\$61,263 78

Assets of the Town.

Balance in hands of collectors,	\$4,452 62
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Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$3,009 90
Bills due from County,	46 74
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	\$7,509 26
Indebtness over means,	53,754 52
Due from Government bounties assigned,	2,080 00

JOHN CONNELL, TREASURER.

JOHN S. PAGE, } Selectmen
RUFUS E. GALE, } of
HENRY N. NELSON, } Gilmanton.

JOHN W. PAGE,
GEORGE W. PARSONS, } Auditors.

School Report.

There have been twenty-eight schools in town during the past year, under the management and instruction of twenty-two different teachers, four males and eighteen females. Twenty schools were kept in the summer and eight in the winter.

Schools commencing after November first are called winter schools.

Whole number of scholars attending schools during the year 524. Average attendance 427, not including district No. 9, merged into the Academy. Total number of different scholars 346, boys 189, girls 127. The whole length of summer schools 175 weeks. Average length of summer schools 9 4-19 weeks. The whole length of winter schools 65 weeks. Average length of winter schools 9 2-7 weeks.

Whole number attending to each of the following studies, district No. 9, excepted: Reading, 526; spelling, 522; penmanship, 194; arithmetic, 385; algebra, 16; grammar, 116; geography, 180; U. S. history, 22; Com-

position, 26 ; physiology, 7 ; book-keeping, 13 ; geology, 9.

The amount raised by the town for school purposes is \$1,410.50, amount of literary fund \$161.25.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Prudential Committee, Lewis K. Parsons. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Clara F. Bean, of Gilmanton, a capable teacher, evidently feeling the responsibility of her position, in charge of a school difficult to manage. Her efforts were crowned with very considerable success. Whole number of scholars, 41 ; average attendance, 33. Wages, including board, \$26.00 per month.

Winter term of six weeks, taught by Mr. George H. Mason, of London, a teacher of experience and decided ability. His efforts have given entire satisfaction to all interested. Good order obtained the entire term. Whole number of scholars, 38 ; average attendance, 31 2-5. Wages \$40.00 per month. School order \$101.51.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Prudential Committee, Charles H. Goodwin. One term of eleven weeks, taught by Mr. George F. Munsey. This school was under his charge the last year, and he proves himself a thorough, energetic and capable teacher. Order unexceptionable. Whole number of scholars, 30 ; average attendance, 24. Wages, \$30.00 per month. School order, \$57.89

DISTRICT No. 3.—Prudential Committee, A. R. Page. Summer term of seven weeks, was taught by Miss Olive F. Collins. The school appeared well at its commencement, the teacher evidently understanding her business, and good results were anticipated. How good they proved, cannot be reported, as the school closed unexpectedly to your committee. Whole number of scholars 15 ; average attendance, 13 1-7. Wages, \$16.00 per month.

The winter term of nine weeks, was taught by the well known veteran of teachers, Mr. John P. Clough. One hundred and twenty-five months or more he has been engaged in training the minds of the young, and entire satisfaction to both parents and scholars ever reward his

efforts in this direction. His classes in reading and spelling are particularly noticeable for excellence, as well as the thoroughness of his mathematical teachings. Order excellent. Whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 19 38-45. Wages \$27.25 per month. School order, \$80.37.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Prudential Committee, Charles W. Hill. One term only of fifteen weeks, with a short vacation intervening, was taught by Miss Anna M. Paige, of Gilmanton. This school commenced her twenty-third month of teaching, and admirable proficiency was the result of her faithfulness. Good order was especially noticeable. Whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 19 28-35. Wages, \$19.00 per month. School order, \$68.52.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Prudential Committee, John S. Osborne. Summer term of eight and three-fifths weeks, was taught by Miss Addie O. Gilman, of Gilmanton. This was her first term of teaching, and she acquitted herself well. Evident improvement in all the classes was manifest at the close of the term. Order excellent. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 12. Wages, \$20.00 per month.

Winter term of ten weeks, was taught by Mr. George C. Parsons, who entered energetically upon his labors, and the result shows him to have been faithful and the school industrious. Order excellent. Whole number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 17 1-8. Wages \$30.00 per month. School order, \$108.75.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Prudential Committee, George C. Parsons. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Mary C. Burgess, a graduate of Girls High School, Boston. This was her first school, and the examination at its close showed improvement in many of her pupils truly astonishing, affording evidence of great faithfulness and tact in teaching. Order good. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 11. Wages, \$24 per month. School order, \$80.88.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Prudential Committee, Edgar A. Page. Winter term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Lucy A. Berry of Barnstead. This, her first school, was beautifully managed, proficiency satisfactory, and order excellent. Two thirds of her pupils were of ages from thirteen to twenty years and conducted themselves like young gentlemen, as they were, and very respectful to their teacher. Whole number of scholars 13; average attendance 10. Wages, \$15.00 per month, board given. School order \$42.76.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Prudential Committee, Adrial H. Green. Summer term of six, and winter term of nine weeks, were both taught by Miss Etta G. Woodward of Sanbornton. Prompt and energetic she managed well her schools. Her efforts to benefit her pupils were amply rewarded and in no school I visited were questions more promptly or correctly answered. Summer term, whole number of scholars 13; average attendance 11 4-5. Winter term, whole number of scholars 9; average attendance 8 29-45. Wages, \$16.00. School order \$58.36.

DISTRICT No. 9.—The arrangement entered into between the District and the Trustees of Gilmanton Academy, whereby the District system is abolished and its scholars placed under the supervision of the preceptor of the Academy, still continues in force. The pupils throughout the school year enjoyed the advantages of continuous instruction under the same teacher, Miss Alice C. Chapman, a lady of fine scholarship and marked ability as an instructor. The harmonious working of this system for the past two years demonstrated two facts: First, by abolishing the present District system in town a more perfect equality of school money would be realized; Secondly, more efficient teachers could be secured and retained during the entire school year. Whole number of pupils, first term 12 weeks 32; average attendance 25. Second term of 12 weeks, whole number of pupils 33; average attendance, 29. School order, \$213.70.

DISTRICT No 10.—Prudential Committee, E. S. Price, One term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Martha E. Price of Gilmanton, an experienced and very efficient teacher. She has in a highly praiseworthy manner attended to the best interests of her school producing results most satisfactory to all concerned. Whole number of scholars 8 ; average attendance 6 1-2. Wages, per month, \$19.00. School order \$51.54.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Prudential Committee, William B. Thompson. One term of ten weeks was commenced by George W. Swain of Gilmanton, but by reason of sickness was abandoned and reopened by Miss Martha E. Price, who had just closed her school in District No. 10. This school though small was one of the most interesting in town. Nearly all the scholars are well advanced, and her report says: "All without exception have seemed interested in their studies, and been ready to enter heartily into whatever work asked of them, even writing compositions." Reference to report of District No. 10 will convey some idea of the estimation in which Miss Price is held by the public as well as your Committee as a teacher. Whole number of scholars 11 ; Average attendance 10. Wages, \$24.00. School order \$72.09.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Prudential Committee, Stephen Sargent. Summer term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Ida B. Nute of Alton, an excellent and accomplished teacher. The examination at the close of the school gave good evidence of faithful and successful work on the part of both teacher and pupils, the school thus maintaining its former creditable condition. Order good without appearance of restraint. Whole number of scholars 17 ; average attendance 14 1-10. Second term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Emma Varney of Alton. She appeared and no doubt, felt herself in her proper sphere, in charge of an exceedingly interesting school. Orderly and studious, the school made happy advancement, and the examinations of both terms were

of an exceedingly interesting character. Whole number of scholars 12; average attendance 10. Wages \$25. School order \$107.90.

DISTRICT No. 13.—Prudential Committee, R. H. Jones. Summer term of six and one-half weeks, was taught by Miss Mary W. Eastman. Her pleasant manners endeared her to her pupils, and the condition of the school at its close was largely satisfactory. Whole number of scholars 15; average attendance 11. Wages, \$4.00 per week. The second term of six and one-half weeks, was taught by Mrs. Jennie M. Potter. This was her second term of teaching, yet she conducted her school as if much more experienced. Good order characterized the school, and her pupils showed happy advancement in their studies. Whole number scholars 15; average attendance 13. Wages, \$20.00 per month. School order \$65.26.

DISTRICT No. 14.—Prudential Committee, John A. Maxwell. Two terms, one of eight, another of nine weeks, both taught by Miss Ida B. Sanborn, of London, an amiable young lady, and conscientious teacher. Three terms before this year she has taught in this district, which evinces the appreciation in which she is held by parents, as a teacher. Excellent order obtained, and the examinations at the close of her terms gave evidence of faithful work. First term whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13 3-5. Second term whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14 29-45. Wages, \$12 per month. School order, \$49.18.

DISTRICT No. 15.—Prudential Committee, Joseph Allen. Summer term of ten weeks, was taught by Miss Etta M. Gilman, of Gilmanton, an experienced and accomplished teacher. In various schools, previous to this term, she has taught over forty-four months, and always with marked success. Recitations were excellent, showing great faithfulness on the part of the teacher and industry on the part of the scholars. Spelling was extraordinary for its perfection. Whole number of scholars, 16; average at-

tendance, 13 1-2. Wages, \$22.00 per month. School order \$54.57.

DISTRICT No. 16.—Prudential Committee, Chas. Sargent. There were two terms in this district, the first of six weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Bennet, of Gilford. It was commenced by Miss Cora B. Gale, of Gilmanton, and visited soon after by your committee, but by reason of sickness which prostrated its teacher, was closed for some weeks, and reopened by Miss Mary E. Bennett, her first school. A very small one, indeed, the smallest school in town, afforded her ample time to each scholar, consequently good proficiency was manifest under her auspices. This district, once enrolling its forty scholars, has diminished from various reasons to whole number, 6; average attendance, 4 1-2. Wages, \$18.00 per month. The second term of ten and two-fifths weeks, was taught by Miss Mary W. Eastman, and she sustained the reputation she earned during the summer term of this year in district No. 13. Whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 4 31-50. Wages, \$16.00 per month. School order, \$76.85.

DISTRICT No. 17.—Prudential Committee, Madison C. Lamprey. Summer term of thirteen weeks, was taught by Miss Ella J. Arnold, of Lake Village, who conducted her school with efficiency and good results. In her registered remarks she attributes any lack of progress, among other impediments, to the multiplicity of text books, a complaint very general and just, in nearly all the schools. She is a good teacher. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 10. Wages, \$18.00 per month. School order, \$60.85.

DISTRICT No. 18.—Prudential Committee, John Foss. Summer and winter terms, each nine weeks, both taught by Miss Cora Lyman Page of Campton, a graduate of N. H. Normal School. Thoroughly qualified to teach, by the suavity of her manners, her happy illustrations and forceful explanations, she gained and held the attention of her pupils, deeply interesting them in all their studies. Necessarily good improvement was the result. The winter numbered much larger than the summer school

and in the opinion of your Committee is too large for the most successful teaching, without assistance, nevertheless, she sustained well her distinguished reputation as a teacher. Certainly she is entitled to more than ordinary credit. Examples of map drawing upon the black-board were especially interesting, and the practice well calculated to impress the mind with localities and shape of country. First term whole number of scholars, 40; average attendance, 33. Wages, \$29.00. Second term whole number of scholars, 57; average attendance, 50. Wages, \$48.00. School order, \$188.48.

REMARKS.

Comparatively a stranger to the educational interests of this town, in which I have resided but a short time, it seems to me to savor too much of supererogation to attempt to advise this community in relation to such matters; nevertheless, I may be expected to note some facts as they exist.

In this direction I remark of school-houses, that I had supposed I should find them much more worthy of censure than they appeared to me to deserve. With the exception of two or three, which need considerable repair, or new ones substituted, they seem capable yet of years of good service at moderate expense.

District No. 6 has done honor to itself this year by the erection of a new house, furnished with modern school furniture, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, at an expense of between \$550 to \$690, for house and appointments. It was opened for occupancy in September last, and soon after very narrowly escaped destruction by fire, occasioning some additional expenditure.

At the close of summer terms, on examination days, many of them were rendered cheery and beautiful by internal decoration, evincing good taste in the pupils.

District No. 11 has expended about \$60 for repairs upon its school house, and it is now in beautiful order, cheerful and pleasant, and stands a credit to that neighborhood.

Your committee finds writing in schools sadly neglected. Probably it is not unreasonable to expect that a child of ten years should commence learning this art. This data accepted, looking over the teachers' registers for this last year, I find some schools where proper attention is paid to this practice, while in others it is by far too much neglected, and in some wholly ignored.—The following statement of facts speak for themselves, for different schools :

Of 10 who should write, 2 practice it.

“ 43	“	“	14	“
“ 17	“	“	12	“
“ 16	“	“	8	“
“ 17	“	“	5	“
“ 9	“	“	0	“
“ 22	“	“	11	“
“ 18	“	“	0	“
“ 27	“	“	10	“
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179			62	
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117				

Here are 117 scholars in town, and a very small proportion of them who are not registered over ten years of age, who pay no attention to chirography. Where rests the fault for such glaring omission? It is not because teachers lack skill in this department of instruction. Many of them are skillful and efficient and deserve credit for their zeal and fidelity in this direction. Most probably it may be found with the parents, who should realize the importance of this matter, and interest themselves to supply their children with the necessary means of practice. Hardly any external accomplishment characterizes so much a young lady or gentleman, in my estimation, as a letter handsomely executed with correct orthography and expression. I will excuse a young lady for ordinary or no performance with her piano, if these accomplishments are to be sacrificed to secure good execution upon that instrument.

I am fully persuaded that the best interests of our

schools demand reform in regard to the multiplicity of text books now in use. The lack of uniformity is a most serious detriment to the success of both teacher and pupil. Occasioning more classes, the time of the teacher is occupied with much less advantage, when divided among several classes, than if the same number of classes were concentrated into one, whereby each of these several classes united in one would receive the benefit of the whole time devoted to it. Indeed, there would be great economy of time, for it is not necessary to devote as much time to one class of twelve, as is required for four classes of three each; consequently, there would be surplus time to devote to other interests of the school, now possibly, aye, very probably neglected. In one school of eleven scholars, there were twenty-two classes; and in another school of twenty-three there were forty-one classes. Similar complaints are chronic throughout the town.

In the selection of their Prudential Committees the town certainly was fortunate, and may be congratulated, inasmuch as, faithful to their trust, they secured to their several districts, without exception, good and efficient teachers.

During the past year I have introduced into several schools Meservey's Book-keeping, which merits and receives, where ever known and used, the highest commendation. It is a complete and thorough system, easy of comprehension, recommended by our honored State Superintendent of schools to the teachers and scholars of the State, and is being rapidly introduced into academies and schools of like grade, throughout the State.

Your Committee believes that in the accompanying report for the several districts, all of special interest in relation to them has been fully presented, and is therefore respectfully submitted,

A. E. HOVEY, School Committee.
Gilmanton, Feb. 23, 1876.

